

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A method of determining a coded signal,
~~the method comprising steps of~~ comprising:

transmitting a first coded signal having a first code rate
from a transmitter system;

acquiring the first coded signal on a receiver system;

as part of the acquisition, correlating the signal with a
first code sequence having a first code rate and achieving a
timing lock as said first code rate;

calculating a probability of detection of the first coded
signal; and

changing the first coded signal to a second coded signal
having a second code rate that is higher than said first
rate, in response to the probability of detection (PD) of
the first coded signal exceeding a predetermined amount.

14. (original) A method as in claim 13, wherein the coded signals
comprise pseudo-noise (PN) coded signals.

15. (cancelled)

16. (previously presented) A method as in claim 13 wherein the step of changing the first coded signal to a second coded signal comprises the steps of:

waiting a predetermined amount of time;

changing a first pseudo-noise (PN) code of the receiver system to a second PN code after the predetermined amount of time has elapsed; and

changing a second PN code of the transmitting system to a second PN code after the predetermined amount of time has elapsed.

17. (previously presented) A method as in claim 16 wherein the changing of the first and second codes occurs contemporaneously.

18. (cancelled)